



Executive Order on Establishing the Political Engagement Council

By the authority vested in me as the Student Body President of Indiana University Bloomington and the Chief Executive Officer of Indiana University Student Government, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Policy.* It is the policy of the Indiana University Student Government to establish a Political Engagement Council to increase political engagement among the student body at all levels of governance, including local, state, and federal.

Section 2. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this executive order, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “PEC” refers to the Political Engagement Council established by this order.

Section 3. *Establishment of the Council.* There is hereby established the Political Engagement Council (“the PEC”) within the Bureau of Government Relations.

Section 4. *Membership.*

- (a) The Student Body President will appoint a Chair of the PEC.
- (b) All advocacy and political registered student organizations are eligible for membership in the PEC.
- (c) The Chair shall invite politically engaged student organizations to join the PEC.
- (d) Representatives of participating organizations shall be selected by their respective organizations.

Section 5. *Meetings of the Council.*

- (a) The PEC shall meet as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- (b) The Chair of the PEC shall preside over the meetings. In their absence, a designated representative will preside.

Section 6. *Functions.*

- (a) The principal functions of the PEC are: (1) To promote voter registration and turnout in collaboration with the directors of the department within the Bureau; (2) To increase interest in debates, State of the Union addresses, and other significant political events; (3) To conduct educational workshops on civic engagement and political processes; (4) To facilitate discussions and forums on current political issues; (5) To collaborate with local, state, and national organizations to enhance

- political awareness and participation among students; and (6) To encourage students to participate in student government elections and other civic activities.
- (b) The PEC shall have the authority to establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups as needed to fulfill its functions.

Section 7. *Non-Partisan Requirement.*

- (a) The PEC shall operate in a non-partisan manner.
- (b) All activities, initiatives, and communications by the PEC shall focus on promoting civic engagement and political awareness without endorsing any particular political party or candidate.

Section 8. *Administration.*

- (a) The PEC may function through established or ad hoc committees, task forces, or working groups.
- (b) The PEC shall have a staff to be headed by the Chair or their designee. The PEC shall have such staff and other assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this order.
- (c) All student government departments and university administrative offices shall cooperate with the PEC and provide such assistance, information, and advice to the PEC as the PEC may request, to the extent permitted by law.

Section 9. *General Provisions.*

- (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof, or that of any IUSG entity.
- (b) This order shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.
- (c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against Indiana University, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Section 10. *Effective Date.* This order is effective immediately upon signature.



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